

~~INTERVIEW~~, Petr. Guryanovich

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1. INTERVIEW, Petr. Guryanovich: Nationality Kazak, teacher from Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages, Almaty, born 1925 in Aleksandrovka, Eastern Kazakhstan. 5'7", 152-60 lbs. Dark complexion, black hair. Has a high-pitched voice, speaks Russian mostly because he says that he has forgotten Kazak. Is quite friendly, but avoids political topics. Does not give an impression that he is Kazak, acting more Russian. Complained bitterly about fact that Kazaks have lost a lot of their national identity, and have become very Russified.
2. INTERVIEW said there are many Ukrainians in Almaty, and that they stick together very much, most of them are there from the times of the war and do not want to return home. Said that they have their own schools in Almaty. This was argued by source, and subject did not support his statement. Many Ukrainians come to Kazakhstan to work presently, they do this of their own free will. Source did not argue this since subject was obviously trying to impress source after the agreement with ZELENISKY.
3. Many Kazaks have lost their national identity said subject with apparent bitterness, noting that youth very few speak Kazak, although there are Kazak schools as well, as Russian schools, but the majority choose to go to Russian schools and no one can stop them. When asked how this will affect the culture of the Kazak nation, subject did not answer, saying he had no time. When asked if this problem also applied to Ukrainians subject replied that Ukrainians and Poles Russians still managed to keep together and still speak their own languages. At this moment ZELENISKY approached to hear what the conversation was about, and subject did not want to talk. They parted without arranging another meeting.

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